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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

**A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 7-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Winnicki 4,733,495.

Winnicki discloses providing a housing (10) with a sidewall (walls of 10 including back wall 20) that surrounds a housing interior and which is partitioned (via inner structures including 22 or 70) into an upstream region (18) and a downstream region (84), a moveable closure (86); a purge valve (26) disposed over a purge opening (24), a compression chamber (18); evacuating air through the sidewall at the downstream region (see col. 4, lines 42-49) to establish a vacuum source; placing the moveable closure proximate to an insect (see Fig. 1, 80 is placed near an insect before attempted capture); and creating air pressure less than ambient pressure to cause the moveable closure to move into an open position (see col. 5, lines 25-30).

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: there should be a reference to the parent application 10/069,322 now U.S. Pat. No. 6,651,380 of this present divisional application. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Winnicki 4,733,495 in view of Schuman 3,965,608.

Winnicki discloses providing a housing (10) which is partitioned into an upstream region and downstream region (70 forms a partition), a moveable closure (86); a purge valve (26) disposed over a purge opening (24) in an endwall of the housing (20), a compression chamber (18); evacuating air through the purge opening (see col. 4, lines 42-49); placing the moveable closure proximate to an insect (see Fig. 1, 80 is placed near an insect before attempted capture); and creating air pressure less than ambient pressure to cause the moveable closure to move into an open position (see col. 5, lines 25-30), but does not disclose the purge opening being formed through a sidewall of the housing which extends between an upstream end and a downstream end. Schuman discloses a partitioned (13 forms partition) housing with a sidewall (generally 30 of 10) that extends between an upstream end (11) and a downstream end (27) and a purge opening (35) having a purge valve (32) moveably disposed over the purge opening. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to modify the insect exterminator of Winnicki by placing the purge opening through the sidewall of the housing in view of Schuman in order to direct any purged air in a direction that is not

toward the front of the user which includes the facial area so as to reduce any annoyance to the user.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Darren W. Ark whose telephone number is (703) 305-3733. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th, 8:00am-6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter M. Poon can be reached on (703) 308-2574. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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